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SUBJECT: EC INTEREST IN CONCLUDING FISHERY AGREEMENT WITH GUINEA-BISSAU AND SENEGAL

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1. ACCORDING TO AN EC COMMISSION SOURCE, THE COMMISSION DELEGATION LED BY RAYMOND SIMMONET, OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR FISHERY MATTERS IN THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, WAS RELATIVELY SATISFIED WITH THE OUTCOME OF ITS PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS IN EARLY FEBRUARY OF EC FISHERY AGREEMENTS WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF SENEGAL AND GUINEA BISSAU. IN BOTH CASES, THE COMMISSION IS SEEKING AN UN-BRELLA AGREEMENT WHICH WILL PERMIT ANY EC MEMBER STATE TO FISH IN THE FISHERY ZONES OF THE TWO AFRICAN STATES EVEN THOUGH PROBABLY ONLY TWO OR THREE STATES ARE INTERESTED AT PRESENT. IN THE CASE OF SENEGAL, THE EC PERMITTED FRANCE TO RENEW ITS FISHERY AGREEMENT WITH SENEGAL (WHICH HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPIRED) WITH THE PROVISIO THAT IT WOULD BE SUBSUMED BY ANY AGREEMENT THE EC EVENTUALLY CONCLUDES WITH THAT COUNTRY. WHILE THE SENEGALESE WERE RELATIVELY FORTH-COMING, THEY LINKED THE GRANTING OF FISHING RIGHTS TO THE EC WITH EXTENSION OF EC ASSISTANCE TO HELP DEVELOP THE SENEGALESE FISHING INDUSTRY.

2. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, SIMMONET CONFIRMED THAT THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL SOVIET AND OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN PRESENCE IN GUINEA-BISSAU. IN ADDITION TO DIRECT SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL FISHERIES INDUSTRY AND IN FISHERIES AFFAIRS GENERALLY, SIMMONET SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF GUINEA BISSAU FELT IT PROBABLY HAD TO RELY ON SOVIET WARSHIPS TO PATROL FISHING ACTIVITIES IN ITS WATERS AS WELL AS TO "PROTECT" THE COUNTRY FROM "OUTSIDE FORCES." HE CLAIMS THE GGB WELCOMED THE EC INTEREST IN FISHING RIGHTS AS PROVIDING A POTENTIAL BALANCE TO THE COUNTRY'S PRESENT HEAVY DEPENDENCE ON THE USSR AND OTHER COMMUNIST STATES IN THE FISHERY AREA. HINTON

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